

MINUTES
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2009
FREMONT CITY HALL
6:00 P.M.

1. PRELIMINARY

- 1.1 Call to Order:** Mayor Wasserman called the meeting to order.
- 1.2 Flag Salute:** Councilmember Chan led the salute to the flag.
- 1.3 Roll Call:** Present: Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Natarajan, Councilmembers: Wieckowski, Harrison, and Chan.
- 1.4 Announcements by Mayor/City Manager – None.**

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

2.1 Oral and Written Communications

Prabhu Loganathan, Tony Pang, and Vinnie Bacon expressed opposition to the A's Ballpark Village Project and requested that an independent economic analysis, to include direct and indirect costs be conducted.

3. WORK SESSION ITEM

3.1 FY 2008/09 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

City Manager Fred Diaz introduced members of the budget team and provided an overview of the purpose of the FY 2008/09 Mid-Year Budget review and what it means for FY 2009/10 and beyond. Budget Manager Catherine Chevalier presented an economic and budget update for fiscal year 2008/09. Finance Director Harriet Commons reviewed revised revenue estimates for fiscal years 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11 and presented various budget balancing strategies. City Manager Diaz summarized the presentation and outlined next steps, which include returning to Council as needed to provide a report as the financial situation evolves and returning to Council in May and June with fiscal year 2009/10 operating budget recommendations and public hearings. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment. No action was taken.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR – None.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS – None.

*Consent Items

6. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY

6.1 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration of a Report Out from Closed Session of Any Final Action – None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration of the Authorization of the City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement and Any Other Documents Necessary between the City of Fremont and Sabercat Holdings, LLC, for the Acquisition of a 14.02 Acre Parcel (APN 525-0375-003-05), Located Near Sabercat Road and Sabercat Place, for Public Park Purposes

Parks & Recreation Director Annabell Holland provided an overview of the proposed property acquisition. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. There were no speakers on the matter. Councilmembers provided comment.

On a motion by Councilmember Wieckowski, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council:

1. Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute a Purchase Agreement between the City and Sabercat Holdings, LLC, and any other documents necessary to complete the acquisition of a 14.02 acre parcel (APN 525-0375-003-05), located near Sabercat Road and Sabercat Place for park land purposes.
2. Appropriated \$1,112,000 from Fund 542 (Park Dedication Funds AB1600) available fund balance to those funds currently appropriated at 542PWC8311 (Citywide Parkland Acquisition), for a total appropriation of \$2,512,000 for the acquisition of the 14.02-acre property at Sabercat Road (APN 525-0375-003-05).

Ayes:	Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Natarajan, Councilmembers: Wieckowski, Harrison and Chan
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Council Referrals

8.1.1 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration of the appointment of Lisa Quan to the Planning Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2010

Mayor Wasserman opened the item for public comment. Prabhu Loganathan and Russell Engle (Fremont Citizens Network) expressed concern related to the proposed appointment of Ms. Quan to the Planning Commission.

*Consent Items

By motion, the City Council appointed Lisa Quan to the Planning Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2010.

Ayes: Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Natarajan,
Councilmembers: Harrison and Chan
Noes: Councilmember Wieckowski
Absent: None.
Abstain: None.

8.2 Oral Reports on Meetings and Events

Councilmembers reported on their various meetings and activities.

- 9. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mayor Wasserman adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk

BOB WASSERMAN, Mayor